

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : George KUKOLJ, et al.) Art Unit: 1656
U.S. Appln. No. : 10/695,140) Examiner: MOORE, William W.
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Title of Invention : Inhibitor Resistant HCV NS3 Protease
Attny. Docket No.: 13/109

Via EFS
Commissioner for Patents
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COMMUNICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on September 20, 2006, applicant herewith files a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) citing art for consideration by the Examiner in the above-identified application.

The fee for filing the RCE is \$790.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicant notes that this fee will be paid during electronic filing via the Revenue Accounting and Management System. If it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this RCE or IDS, authorization to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955 will be provided during electronic filing.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the art cited in the IDS filed herewith and return an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08a in the next Office Action. Applicant submits that all the pending claims are allowable and respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance be expeditiously issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful in advancing prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney below.

Respectfully submitted,

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